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Himachal Pradesh SEB	1503	941	2444
Jammu & Kashmir	24879	6386	31265
UT Chandigarh	76	0	76
POWERGRID (NR&NCR)	307	23	330
Madhya Pradesh SEB	16219	22385	38604
Maharashtra SEB	11135	11442	22577
Gujarat	9674	8427	18101
Goa	417	60	477
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-77	0	-77
Daman & Diu	211	77	288
POWERGRID (WR)	174	60	234
Andhra Pradesh SEB	11823	5211	17034
Karnataka EB	5288	3384	8672
Tamil Nadu EB	2952	5661	8613
Kerala SEB	1314	2485	3799
Goa	216	67	283
Pondicherry	-182	2	-180
West Bengal SEB	25939	5786	31725
Bihar SEB	51852	24849	76701
GRIDCO (Orissa)	17920	0	17920
DV	11129	9034	20163
.kim	506	55	561
Assam	3	0	3
Total	363237	178503	541740

Abbreviations :

SEBs : State Electricity Boards

GRIDCO : Grid Corporation of Orissa Ltd.

[English]

Rural Employment through Wastelands Development

417. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to promote rural employment through wastelands development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of jobs generated/proposed to be generated thereunder and the rural areas selected therefor; and

(d) the budget allocation earmarked for implementation of these schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Wastelands Development in the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment is implementing Wastelands Development Scheme titled "Integrated Wastelands Development Project" (IWDP) Scheme. Under this scheme, various land based activities are carried out such as afforestation, silvi-pasture development, pasture development, horticulture, distribution of seedlings, distribution of fuel-wood saving devices, in situ soil and moisture conservation etc., These activities generate rural employment opportunities.

(c) After creation of the Department of Wastelands Development in July, 1992, under IWDP Scheme, 160 projects have been sanctioned in 130 districts in the country with a project period ranging from 3-5 years at a total cost of Rs. 339.73 crores so far for the development of 6.42 lakh ha. of wastelands. It is estimated that 239.84 crores mandays will be generated.

(d) The Budget estimates of Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP) scheme for 1997-98 is Rs. 74.50 crores.

Cancellation of Trains

418. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2940 dated December, 12, 1996 regarding cancellation of trains and state :

(a) whether the required information has since been collected; and

(b) if not, the specific reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The assurance for the Unstarred Question No. 2940 on 12.12.1996 regarding cancellation of trains has already been fulfilled on 5.5.1997.